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OWEGO RECEIVES COPS-IN-SCHOOL GRANT

WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the Village of Owego has been awarded \$109,137 by the U.S. Department of Justice through the COPS(Community Oriented Policing Services) in Schools Program. The program is designed to allow police departments and school districts to implement a proactive school safety plan that includes a police officer being permanently assigned to the school system.

COPS in Schools grants are awarded to law enforcement agencies that partner with schools. This partnership must define strategies to utilize problem solving and community policing techniques to prevent school violence and implement educational programs. The funding will pay for a portion of the salary and benefits of one officer over three years. The maximum amount of funding is \$125,000 per officer.

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